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Mail Stop Amendment  
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SUBJECT: Applicants: Rozenoyer et al.  
Serial No: 10/715,943  
Filed: November 18, 2003  
For: METAL MATRIX COMPOSITE  
Examiner: Mai, Ngoclan Thi  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE, including an Affidavit, in reply to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2004 in the subject patent application. Also enclosed is check in the amount of \$200.00 for the fee for a large entity to add four (4) new claims over twenty (20).

Further enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time within the First Month, along with a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the fee for a large entity to obtain the extension.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

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In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,



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